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- d) finally, there were a number of shortcomings in the distribution apparatus which would have to be overcome immediately.
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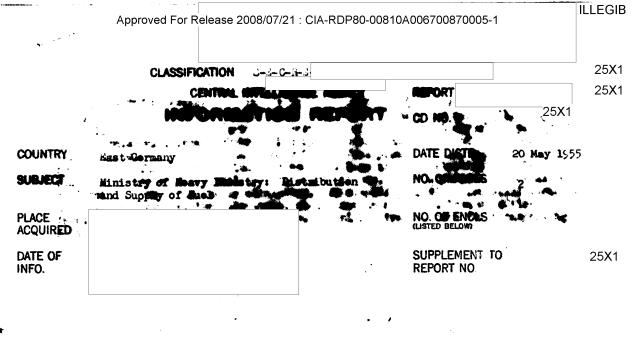
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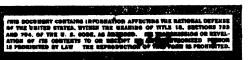
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